PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons, dated 16 April 1833;—*for*,

A RETURN of all SUMS of MONEY ADVANCED by GOVERNMENT since the Year 1821, for commencing, carrying on and completing PUBLIC WORKS within the County of the Town of *Galway*, and the Counties of *Galway* and *Mayo*:

A RETURN of all ROADS, BRIDGES, PIERS and other PUBLIC WORKS, which have been commenced in the same Places, since the same Period, by GOVERNMENT, and the PROGRESS made in such WORKS:

A RETURN of the Manner in which all Sums of Money so granted have been EXPENDED.

TO THE LORDS COMMISSIONERS OF HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY,

&c. &c. &c.

May it please your Lordships,

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
13 May 1833.

WE beg leave to acquaint your Lordships, that on the receipt of Mr. Rice's letter of the 17th ultimo, calling for certain Returns connected with Public Works in the counties of Galway and Mayo, we communicated with Messrs. Killaly and George Nimmo, with a view to obtain a detailed account of the expenditure in the counties alluded to: the former gentleman has afforded all the information in his power, both as to the expenditure that took place under the directions of his father and himself, and also that of his predecessor the late Mr. Nimmo. As Mr. George Nimmo stated, in reply to the Board's letter, that furnishing an account such as that required would be attended with expense, as he would be obliged to proceed to the country to meet the persons who had been employed as pay-clerks; we declined incurring any such expense, not having authority to do so.

We trust the accompanying Accounts (Nos. 1 & 2,) will be found sufficiently detailed to meet the objects in view, being made out chiefly from the returns furnished by the Auditors of Accounts, with some additions by Mr. H. Killaly. No very accurate account of the expenditure on piers, or on works in the county of the town of Galway, can be furnished, but the detailed account of the principal works will show some of that expenditure. We send the account and statement received from Mr. Killaly, as the explanation accompanying it shows the present state of the principal roads in the Western District, as well as their general utility.

It will be seen by this Account, that although the amount of returns for contract and days work is 26,923 *l.* 16 *s.* 8 *d.*, the sum of 20,674 *l.* 11 *s.* 1 *d.* only has been received by Mr. Killaly from the Treasury, leaving a balance of 6,249 *l.* 5 *s.* 7 *d.* owing to labourers and others, and to meet which there are no funds.

A sketch of the Western District is herewith sent, showing the lines of road on which the different advances have been expended, and referred to in the Account No. 2.

Enclosed is also a Return (No. 3,) of all sums advanced by Government since the year 1821 (on the recommendation of the Irish Loan Commissioners) for commencing, carrying on and completing Public Works within the county of the town of Galway, and the counties of Galway and Mayo; likewise a Return (No. 4,) of Piers, which have been commenced and completed since the year 1821, under the orders of the late Commissioners of Irish Fisheries, within the said counties.

The Vice-treasurer has furnished us with a statement of sums advanced through his department, from which we have framed the Return, No. 5, being advances for Gaols, Bridewells, and for Roads under the Moiety Act.

We have also obtained most satisfactory information from the office of the Commissioners of Public Accounts.

The Returns are furnished in duplicate, and afford the fullest information on the subject which we have been able to procure.

We have the honour to be, &c.

(signed) *Brook T. Ottley.*
J. Radcliff.

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SCHEDULE.

No.
1.—RETURN, showing the Gross Expenditure in the Counties of Mayo and Galway, under the Direction of Messrs. Nimmo and Killaly, Civil Engineers, from the Year 1821 to 1832.

2.—RETURN, showing the detailed Expenditure on the principal Works in the Counties of Mayo and Galway, under the Directions of Messrs. Nimmo and Killaly, from the Year 1821 to 1832.

3.—RETURN of all Sums of Money advanced by Government since the Year 1821, (on the recommendation of the Irish Loan Commissioners,) for commencing, carrying on and completing Public Works within the County of the Town of Galway, and the Counties of Galway and Mayo.

4.—RETURN of Piers which have been commenced and completed since the Year 1821, under the Orders of the late Commissioners of Irish Fisheries, within the County of the Town of Galway, and the Counties of Galway and Mayo.

5.—RETURN of Sums advanced from the Exchequer for building Bridewells and Gaols, and for Roads under the Moiety Act, in the Counties of Galway and Mayo.

6.—REPORT of Mr. J. H. H. Killaly on the Roads in Western District; with Sketch of the Part of (that District comprehending Counties of Galway and Mayo.

—No. 1.—

RETURN, showing the Gross Expenditure in the Counties of *Mayo* and *Galway*, under the Directions of Messrs. *Nimmo* and *Killaly*, Civil Engineers, from the Year 1821 to 1833.

	£.	s.	d.
County of Mayo:			
Amount of expenditure by the late A. Nimmo, civil engineer, from the year 1822 to the year 1832 - - - - - - - - - -	45,076	1	11
Proportion of the general account for management, contingencies, Dublin office, &c. during the above period, chargeable to Mayo - -	10,910	16	10
	55,976	18	10
Amount of expenditure under the direction of Messrs. J. and H. Killaly, from April 1831 to April 1833 - - - - - - - -	15,111	9	9
Total - - - £.	71,088	8	7
County of Galway:			
Amount of expenditure by the late A. Nimmo, civil engineer, from the year 1822 to 1832 - - - - - - - - - - -	68,262	16	6
Proportion of the general account for management, contingencies, Dublin office, &c., for the above period, chargeable to Galway, as nearly as can be ascertained - - - - - - - - - - -	16,523	2	3
Expenditure under Mr. J. Killaly, civil engineer, in 1822, 1823, 1824 and 1825 - - - - - - - - - - - -	6,272	12	5
	91,058	11	2
Amount of expenditure under Messrs. J. and H. Killaly, from April 1831 to April 1833 - - - - - - - - - -	11,098	5	7
Monies due by the late Mr. Nimmo, and paid out of the funds lodged to Mr. Killaly's credit - - - - - - - - - -	714	1	4
Total - - - £.	102,870	18	1

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—No. 2.—

RETURN, showing the detailed Expenditure on the principal Works in the Counties of *Mayo* and *Galway*, under Directions of Messrs. *Nimmo* and *Killaly*, from the Year 1821 to 1833.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK, and WHERE SITUATED.	AMOUNT EXPENDED THEREON. By Mr. Nimmo.			By Mr. Killaly.			TOTAL.		
	£.	s.	d	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
COUNTY OF MAYO:									
Road from Westport to Killery Harbour -	9,779	2	–	1,497	8	5	11,276	10	5
Ballintubber Road - - - - - -	2,165	2	–	50	–	–	2,215	2	–
From Ballinrobe to Claremorris - - -	965	11	–	-	-	-	965	11	–
Achil Road - - - - - - -	4,435	17	–	6,097	1	11	10,532	18	11
Erris Road and Branches - - - -	14,714	18	–	2,692	3	7	17,407	1	7
River Moy Works - - - - - -	2,901	10	–	-	-	-	2,901	10	–
Road from Killala to Swineford - - -	7,370	10	–	-	-	-	7,370	10	–
From Bonyconlan to Foxford - - -	787	12	–	-	-	-	787	12	–
Road to Killala Pier - - - - -	348	15	–	-	-	-	348	15	–
North Coast Road - - - - - -	3,206	9	–	4,774	5	10	7,980	14	10
COUNTY OF GALWAY:									
Conemara Coast Road - - - - -	20,711	10	–	7,697	4	3	28,408	14	3
Piers and Quays - - - - - -	3,992	13	–	-	-	-	3,992	13	–
Woodstock Road - - - - - -	550	13	–	-	-	-	550	13	–
Road from Kilkerran Bay to join the Killery Road - - - - - - - -	8,620	12	–	-	-	-	8,620	12	–
Road from Spiddle to Moycullen - -	1,836	7	–	-	-	-	1,836	7	–
Road from Cong to the Killeries (Joyce's Country) - - - - - - -	10,552	17	–	-	-	-	10,552	17	–
Road from Kinvara to Kilcolgan - -	596	6	–	-	-	-	596	6	–
Road from Creggs to Galway - - -	463	13	–	-	-	-	463	13	–
Road from Killala to Kilconnell - -	122	13	–	-	-	-	122	13	–
Menlo Road - - - - - - -	497	18	–	-	-	-	497	18	–
Road from Killogh to New Forest - -	889	10	–	-	-	-	889	10	–
From Headfort to Galway - - -	690	–	–	-	-	-	690	–	–
Several short Roads - - - - - -	997	–	–	-	-	-	997	–	–
Road from Tuam to Galway - - -	315	12	–	-	-	-	315	12	–
Ballinderrig Bridge - - - - -	909	–	–	-	-	-	909	–	–
Approaches to Piers - - - - -	1,071	–	–	-	-	-	1,071	–	–
Contract Conemara Road - - - -	2,291	12	–	3,728	7	10	6,019	19	10
Road from Roundstone to Binowen Bay and Slime Head - - - - - - -	593	13	–	-	-	-	593	13	–
COUNTY OF TOWN OF GALWAY:									
Slate Breakwater at Galway, and Murrough Quarry - - - - - - -	3,271	7	–	-	-	-	3,271	7	–
Galway Market-house - - - - -	1,000	–	–	-	-	-	1,000	–	–

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— No. 3. —

A RETURN of all SUMS of MONEY ADVANCED by GOVERNMENT since the Year 1821, (on the Recommendation of the Irish Loan Commissioners,) for commencing, carrying on and completing Public Works, within the County of the Town of *Galway*, and the Counties of *Galway* and *Mayo*.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
COUNTY OF THE TOWN OF GALWAY:						
To build a Court-house at Galway	2,769	4	7½			
To build a Portico to the said Court-house	553	16	11			
				3,323	1	6½
COUNTY OF GALWAY:						
To make a Road from Galway to Clifden	3,499	17	4½			
To make a Road from Galway to Oughterard	571	16	11			
				4,071	14	3½
COUNTY OF MAYO:						
To build a Pier and Quay at Oldhead	450	–	–			
To improve Castlebar Court-house	2,221	10	5½			
To repair Balimobe Court-house	477	18	5¾			
To build a Pier at Bundora	276	18	5½			
To repair Ballyheane Church	276	18	5½			
				3,703	5	10¾

Note.—The above Advances were made on Loan, and are now in course of repayment.

— No. 4. —

A RETURN of PIERS which have been commenced and completed since the Year 1821 under the Orders of the late Commissioners of Irish Fisheries, within the County of the Town of *Galway*, and the Counties of *Galway* and *Mayo*.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
COUNTY OF THE TOWN OF GALWAY:						
Claddagh				564	14	–
COUNTY OF GALWAY:						
St. Kitts	399	13	–			
Durass	156	18	–			
Ballinacourty	710	–	–			
Costello	380	16	–			
Spiddle	128	15	–			
Barna	210	2	–			
Clifden	168	16	–			
Roundstone	393	1	–			
Cleggan	725	9	–			
				3,273	10	–
COUNTY OF MAYO:						
Bundurragh	344	19	–			
Innisturk	377	16	–			
Old Head	1,388	15	–			
Clare Island	276	18	–			
Achil Sound	211	15	–			
Tarmon	1,071	–	–			
Saleen	674	11	–			
Belmullet	282	–	–			
Killala	54	12	–			
				4,682	6	–

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
13 May 1833.

Henry R. Paine, Secy.

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— No. 5. —

AN ACCOUNT of SUMS of MONEY ADVANCED from the EXCHEQUER in *Ireland* by Order of Government since the Year 1821, for commencing, carrying on and completing Public Works, within the County of the Town of *Galway*, and the Counties of *Galway* and *Mayo*.

Amount authorized by Government to be Advanced. £. s. d.	TOWN AND COUNTY OF GALWAY.		Amount Advanced British Currency. £. s. d.
	GAOLS and BRIDEWELLS, pursuant to 50 Geo. 3, c. 103, and 7 Geo. 4, c. 74:		
449 – 11 ½	To build a Bridewell at Clifden:		
	1828, June 25th: Advanced - -	140 – –	
	Ditto ditto - - -	140 – –	
	1830, July 8th ditto - -	169 – 11 ½	449 – 11 ½
1,143 9 3 ½	To build a Bridewell at Loughrea:		
	1829, September 10th: Advanced -	400 – –	
	1830, January 21st ditto -	400 – –	
	1831, January 27th ditto -	343 9 3 ½	1,143 9 3 ½
1,111 14 – ½	To build a Bridewell at Tuam:		
	1829, November 12th: Advanced -	400 – –	
	1830, February 25th ditto -	400 – –	
	May 27th ditto -	311 14 – ½	1,111 14 – ½
514 2 6	To build a Bridewell at Eyre Court:		
	1831, September 1st: Advanced -	200 – –	
	November 17th ditto -	200 – –	400 – –
	Warrant of Lord Lieutenant in Office for 114 *l.* 2 *s.* 6 *d.* unissued.		
2,700 – –	To purchase a Plot of Ground adjoining the Gaol of Galway, and for erecting an addition to the Gaol:		
	1832, March 24th: Advanced -	1,364 – –	
	1833, February 6th ditto - -	636 – –	2,000 – –
	Warrant of Lord Lieutenant in office for 700 *l.* unissued.		
	MAIL COACH ROADS, pursuant to 45 Geo. 3, c. 43:		
506 18 2 ½	To make a new line of Mail-coach Road from Ballinasloe to Loughrea:		
	1820, November 15th: Advanced -	184 12 3 ¾	
	1822, September 6th ditto -	184 12 3 ¾	
	1823, July 23d ditto -	137 13 7	506 18 2 ½
	SUMS granted by the Lord Lieutenant by way of Gift, pursuant to 1 Geo. 4, c. 81, which is termed the Moiety Act:		
184 12 3 ½	To the Grand Jury of the county of Galway, being the moiety of an Estimate approved by the Civil Engineer to build a Bridge at Cloone:		
	1826, September 7th: Paid - - - -		184 12 3 ½
	Ditto, the like, to make a Road from Loughrea to the village of Craughwell:		
323 12 4	1825, September 28th: Paid - -	323 12 4	
161 16 2	1826, September 7th ditto - -	161 16 2	
161 16 2	1827, June 4th ditto - -	161 16 2	647 4

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Amount authorised by Government to be Advanced.	COUNTY OF MAYO.		Amount Advanced.
£. s. d.	Sums advanced from the Exchequer in Ireland by orders of Government, since the year 1821, for building a Gaol in said county, pursuant to 50 Geo. 3, c. 103; and 7 Geo. 4, c. 74:		British Currency. £. s. d.
23,000 – –	For building the County Gaol:		
	1830, September 2d: Advanced	6,000 – –	
	1831, November 10th ditto -	6,000 – –	
	1832, August 18th ditto -	6,000 – –	18,000 – –
	Warrant of Lord Lieutenant in office for 5,000 *l.* unissued.		

Vice-Treasurer's Office, 13 May 1833. (signed) *John Smith.*

Note.—The statement of the Vice-Treasurer included Advances made on Loans, which are omitted here, being the subject of Return No. 3.

13th May. *H. R. P.*

— No. 6. —

REPORT of Mr. *J. H. H. Killaly* on the Roads in the Western District, with Sketch of part of that District, comprehending Counties of *Galway* and *Mayo.*

IN the early part of the year 1831, his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant was pleased to entrust to the care and direction of Messrs. John and Hamilton Killaly, civil engineers, the disbursement of certain sums of public money in the Western District, comprising the counties of Mayo and Galway. The objects to be obtained by the expenditure were twofold; 1st, The saving from danger of being starved the greater portion of the population of the western parts of those counties, who were at that time in the utmost extremity, consequent upon the blight of the potato crops of the preceding year, and wholly without resources of any description whatever to meet the contingency; 2d, To perfect and open the several lines of communication through that hitherto inaccessible, although highly improveable, district, these roads being then, from their state of incompletion, in a great measure unavailable to the public.

The Northern Division of the district comprehends, the Killala and Belmullet road; about 28 miles in length, an highly important line of communication parallel with the north coast; it will afford, when completed, access to the various bays and inlets periodically abounding with fish; it passes in great part through a highly improveable country, nearly the whole produce of which, at present, from the difficulty of access to the revenue, and the impossibility of sending the grain to market, is converted into illicit whisky. A vast number of bridges have been constructed upon this line, and about eight miles at one end and two miles at the other end are open, and the intermediate length is very much advanced as to draining, formation, and preparation of materials. The main Erris road, leading from Castlebar to Belmullet, and thence to Tarmon Point; about 57 miles; upon this important but insufficiently formed line the expenditure has been confined to the reconstruction of bridges which had been swept away, the formation of some new road, a general and efficient drainage and some partial repairs; but from there not having been any attention paid to it since last winter, it is now in extremely bad order.

The North-western Division comprehends, the Newport and Achil road; about 32 miles; this line opens the entire of the promontory of Achil; the numerous bridges upon it are complete, and it is now fully available to the public, and in good order. The Newport and Ballycroy road, branching from the preceding, and intending to traverse the great extent of unoccupied country lying between the Ballycroy mountains and the sea, and to join with the main Erris road near Bangor: the first four miles have been rendered serviceable. The expenditure upon this road was induced by the extremity of the distress in the immediate neighbourhood of it, and ceased when that distress was effectively relieved, in consequence of no orders being received for its completion. It is a communication highly called for, whether as regards the revenue, the local circumstances, or the general improvement of the country.

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The Central and Southern Division comprehends the Westport and Clifden road; about 42 miles. Upon this main line through Northern Cunnemara considerable expenditure has taken place; it is now in a state very near to completion, as by an outlay of between 300 *l.* and 400*l.* it could be fully opened in the course of the ensuing summer. The Clifden and Oughterarde road; about 33 miles; this line traverses Southern Cunnemara, and although in an equally forward state as that last mentioned, is not available; and the communication between Clifden and Oughterarde by the old road is completely broken up. The several other lines in this district, viz. the Ballintubber road, the Killery and Cong road, the Maam and Shindella road, the Clifden and Roundstone road, the Clifden and Cleggan road, in all about 35 miles, have been for some time opened, but require a moderate expenditure upon their completion and repairs.

Total Miles of Road in the Western District - - - 243 miles.

30 April 1833. (signed) *J. Hamilton H. Killaly.*

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PUBLIC WORKS, IRELAND.

RETURNS of ADVANCES for PUBLIC WORKS in *Galway* and *Mayo*; of WORKS COMMENCED in those Places, and of the APPLICATION of the MONEY.

(*Mr. Lynch.*)

CAMDEN CLUB.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
16 *May* 1833.

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